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SUBJ: CODEL PRICE

REF: STATE 12351

1. WE ALWAYS WELCOME OPPROTUNITY TO HELP MEMBERS OF CONGRESS GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN IRAN AND WILL TRY TO MAKE VISIT OF CODEL PRICE AS USEFUL AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, CODEL SHOULD BE AWARE OF SEVERAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY AFFECT WHAT CAN BE DONE DURING THEIR VISIT: IRAN IS IN PERIOD OF DEEP MOURNING (MOHARRAM) THROUGH FEBRUARY 12 DURING WHICH SOME ACTIVITIES ARE CURTAILED; CODEL'S VISIT COINCIDES WITH PRESENCE IN TEHRAN OF LARGE GROUP OF US OFFICIALS FOR MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS AND FINANCE CHAIRED BY DEPT OF COMMERCE UNDERSECRETARY TABOR WITH WHICH MANY GOI OFFICIALS WILL BE PREOCCUPIES; AND SHAH WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, LARGE SIZE OF CODEL MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO GIVE

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MEMBERS THE KIND OF EXPOSURE TO IRANIAN OFFICIALS AND

PERSONAL ATTENTION WHICH WOULD MAKE THEIR VISIT MORE VALUABLE.

2. NO FIRST-CLASS HOTEL HAS THIRTY SINGLES AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 10-11 AND BEST WE CAN OFFER IS FIFTEEN DOUBLES AT HILTON. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO GET BLOCK OF SINGLES LATER IF SOME TOUR GROUPS CANCEL, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT CODEL WILL ACCEPT DOUBLES IF NECESSARY.

3. CONTROL OFFICER IS HAWTHORNE MILLS.
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